

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete list of the claims. This listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

Claims 1-24 (Previously Canceled)

Claims 25 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

inputting video data and program information data into an apparatus;
displaying video images of a first program derived from the inputted video data on a display device;

displaying on the display device, in response to a change from the first program to a second program, program information for the second program derived from the inputted program information data, together with video images of the second program derived from the inputted video data; and

displaying a setting screen for setting a time period of displaying the program information display parameters, for changing a display configuration of the program information for the second program,

wherein the ~~display configuration of the program information for the second program is changed, as time passes, according to at least one of the program information display parameters~~ time period of displaying the program information for the second program meets a condition set at the setting screen.

Claims 26: An information processing method according to claim 25, wherein said inputting step includes:

a reception step, of receiving transport stream data transmitted by digital television broadcasting; and

a deriving step, of deriving the video data from the transport stream data received in said reception step.

Claims 27: An information processing method according to claim 25, wherein said inputting step includes:

a reception step, of receiving transport stream data transmitted by digital television broadcasting; and

a deriving step, of deriving the program information data from the transport stream data received in said reception step.

Claims 28: An information processing method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of storing in a memory the program information data derived in said deriving step, wherein the program information for the second program is derived from the program information data stored in the memory.

Claims 29: An information processing method according to claim 25, further comprising a manual setting step, of setting contents of the program information to be displayed in said program information displaying step.

Claims 30 (Currently Amended): An information processing method according to claim 29, wherein said manual setting step includes setting at least one of a display timing, a display area, a display character size, a display method, ~~a display speed~~, a number of display repetitions, and display contents.

Claims 31: An information processing method according to claim 25, wherein said program information display step includes displaying, in response to turning on of the apparatus, the program information for the first program derived from the program information data, together with video images of the first program derived from the input video data.

Claims 32: An information processing method according to claim 25, wherein said program information display step includes displaying program information for the second program on the display device in response to a broadcast end of the first program, followed by a broadcast of the second program and display of the video images of the second program.

Claims 33: An information processing method according to claim 25, wherein said program information displaying step includes displaying video images of the second program derived from the input video data include commercial video images and, in response to a change from the first program to the second program, the program information for the second program is displayed on the display device together with the commercial video images.

Claim 34 (Currently Canceled).

Claim 35 (Currently Added): The method according to claim 25, wherein the program information for the second program is displayed so as to veil a part of the video image of the second program.